

REMARKS

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed May 3, 2005, claims 1, 7, 11, 16, and 21 have been amended and claim 26 is newly added. Therefore, claims 1-26 are pending. In view of the following comments, allowance of all the claims pending in the application is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Johnston (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0103882). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection on the following basis.

Claim 1 recites, among other things, accessing a course database to determine one or more courses associated with a user, based on user information, and accessing the course database to determine one or more exercises associated with the selected course. At least this feature is not taught or suggested by Johnston.

Johnston appears to disclose a distance learning method wherein a user can connect to a web server to perform an exercise (*See* page 4, paragraph 0040). However, Johnston does not disclose consulting a course database that associates specific courses with a user and specific exercises with a course, as claimed. Thus, claim 1 is not anticipated by Johnston.

Independent claims 7, 11, 16, and 21 recite features similar to those described above in reference to claim 1. Thus, these claims are not anticipated by Johnston for at least the reasons provided above. Additionally, claims 2-6, 8-10, 12-15, 17-20, and 22-26 depend from and add features to one of the independent claims. As such, these claims are not anticipated by Johnston at least due to their dependency.

Having addressed each of the foregoing rejections, it is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Respectfully submitted,

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